

in which the events occurred, as the details were derived from different sources. But as no injustice is intended, any error will be promptly corrected. It is my design to give a general idea of the circumstances of the case fairly, with no leaning either way.

His call on Senator Johnson of Ark. to act as his friend, and a peremptory message was communicated to Cullom, to which acceptance was signified, so soon as a competent second could be chosen. At 1 o'clock no choice had been made.

Mutual friends are endeavoring to bring about an accommodation, and others high in authority are interfering to prevent a meeting; but it is hardly practicable to do so, considering the notions entertained by the parties in the case. The whole affair is greatly regretted in all circles.

The War Department will take care to prevent any hostile meeting from growing out of the correspondence between Col. Sumner and Gen. Harney. From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 1853.

The demon of discord has apparently been let loose on the metropolis during the last two days. Besides the quarrels between Gen. Harney and Col. Sumner, between Lieut. Rhind and Commander Boutwell, between Mr. James B. Clay and Gen. Cullom, about forty others are pending among the naval officers.

Two Army officers (Captains) had a fight in the barber's shop at Willard's this morning. A cane was broken over the head of one of the combatants, and a duel will probably ensue.

The city is full of rumors about Messrs. Clay and Cullom. It was even reported that Gen. Cullom had been wounded in a duel, but they are all false. No hostile meeting has yet occurred. There are also abundant rumors about Harney and Sumner, which are equally unfounded. Sumner has gone North and Harney South, to Richmond.

To the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

This morning ex-Lieut. A. C. Rhind posted Commander Boutwell as a liar and coward, near the Navy Department. It is understood that the difficulty between them originated several years ago in the Pacific, where they were recently renewed before the Naval Court of Inquiry.

The California mail to-day carries out land grants from the United States for important ranches, called "Castaño" and "Canada de Juarez," the claims to which have been confirmed by the President.

The State of Alabama having rejected a portion of the railroads made by the act of Congress of June, 1850, to that State, a considerable body of land, known in the northern part of Alabama as the "Huntsville District," have been ordered to be restored to market.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21, 1853.

The Anti-Lecompton Democrats in Congress have abandoned the design of publishing an address to the country.

In view of the approaching campaign against the Missouri, the Secretary of War recently convened a Council, consisting of Gen. Harney, Lieut.-Col. Johnston, Maj. Bell, Col. May, and Lieut.-Col. Hardee, to test the efficiency of Col. Hardee's rifle and Colt's pistol with the breech attachment. The Board have pronounced these arms superior for cavalry service to any others with which they are acquainted. They recommended the adoption of the latter, dispensing with the breech attachment, and requiring it to be sighted for one, two and three hundred yards, and that each trooper be furnished with two for immediate service.

From six to seven hundred persons sailed in the extra boat for Richmond to-day.

Rumors of a hostile meeting of Messrs. Clay and Cullom, resulting in a fatal wound to the latter, have circulated all day, but it is believed that up to the present time they have had no meeting. Both parties are absent, and their friends are eagerly endeavoring to adjust the affair.

The absentees between Gen. Harney and Col. Sumner, and Lieut. Rhind and Commander Boutwell, are undeveloped.

Now left in Upperville, Fauquier County, Va., yesterday, to the depth of one foot.

To the Press.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

Information of importance has been received here with regard to the action of the Legislature of Minnesota upon the question of the admission of that Territory and Kansas, as States into the Union. Resolutions were introduced into the Legislature on the 9th inst., concerning the Administration in its Kansas policy, declining against the proposition to unite the two Territories in one act of admission, and instructing their senators and members elect to oppose the admission of Kansas with the Lecompton Constitution. The resolutions were promptly voted upon by a majority of four to one, thus showing that Minnesota endorses the Administration. The Minnesota delegation waiting here to take their seats are Messrs. Rice and Shields, Senators, and Messrs. Becker, Phelps and Cavanaugh, members. Rice and Becker are with the Administration, Shields with the Douglas opposition, while Phelps and Cavanaugh are doubtful. It is doubtful if the three members elect will be admitted to seats. Should they not, the one or two having received the greatest vote will probably be admitted. At least, so it is understood. Becker had the largest vote.

Later from Salt Lake.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

The Independence correspondent of *The Republican*, under date of the 16th inst., says that the Salt Lake mail arrived there last night. Conductor Denver reports the snow from one to six feet deep on the mountain, and the weather intensely cold.

He left Camp Scott January 1, and the troops there were in good spirits, earnestly wishing to make a descent on Salt Lake City. From Mormon prisoners and straggling Utah Indians, Col. Johnson was well advised of the movements of the Saints, who were making active preparations to continue their resistance to the troops in the Spring.

Their municipal regulations were very stringent, and they looked with suspicion upon every body the least inclined to favor the action of the United States Government. Gov. Cumming was performing the duties of his office as far as he was able. The outward bound mails were making good progress, and the many Indians whom they met manifested friendly feeling.

Depredations of Indians.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

The *Republican* learns from private sources that the Peoria Indians have been committing depredations on the property, wounding the cattle and threatening the lives of the citizens of Nebraska City, near Fort Ransom. Major Day had sent Capt. Davidson with three companies to quell the disturbances.

Bloodless Affray.

BOSTON, Feb. 21, 1853.

A encounter occurred at Parker's Hotel here this afternoon, the facts stated being as follows: A Mr. L. D. Merrill of this city made a violent assault upon Mr. F. Birge of New-York, the former spitting in the latter's face, etc. Mr. Birge, after reporting to his room, made his appearance and called Mr. Merrill to account. The latter, in a fit of passion, immediately took place, during which Mr. Birge discharged a pistol at Mr. Merrill, but without effect. They were separated, and both parties are now under arrest.

Celebration of Washington's Birthday in Boston.

BOSTON, Feb. 21, 1853.

The anniversary of Washington's Birthday being made a legal holiday by act of the Legislature, it was observed to-morrow by the closing of the banks, city offices, and a general suspension of business. Several military companies will parade.

Foreign Trade of Boston.

BOSTON, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

The imports of foreign goods at this port for the week ending Feb. 19 were as follows: \$2,927,671. Dry Goods, \$1,218,549; Groceries, \$1,709,122; Other articles, \$100,000.

Total, \$2,927,671.

Corresponding week in 1852, \$2,927,671.

Decrease, \$100,000.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

Stocks are steady. Pennsylvania State 3's, 81; Reading Railroad, 31; Morris Canal, 50; Long Island Railroad, 12; Pennsylvania Railroad, 40.

BURNING OF THE PACIFIC HOTEL, ST. LOUIS.

TWENTY-NINE PERSONS KILLED.

Fifty Injured or Missing.

ST. LOUIS, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

The Pacific Hotel, in this place, was burned at 3 o'clock this morning. About 100 persons were in the house when the fire broke out, 40 or 50 of whom are missing.

The following are the names of the persons known to be killed so far:

Messrs. Bruce, McKim, Burkhardt, Ward, Paul, Stern, Mr. Jones and child, all of St. Louis.

Mr. Johnson of Chicago, Henry Rochester and J. H. Hart, Sr., of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Wm. Saunders, Mr. Taylor, George Cram, and Miss Jones, relatives of the latter.

Charles Davis, Wm. Connelley of the Terre Haute and Altoona Railroad, and Mrs. H. H. Ward, whose names are unknown, and a negro boy.

The following are seriously injured:

James Deady, reporter of *The St. Louis Leader*, Edward Hayes of New York, Jonathan Jones, Mr. Turner, Wm. Turner, and Mr. Sharpe, with a host of others.

The fire caught in the drug store under the hotel, and spread so rapidly that the stairways were enveloped in flames before the inmates could be rescued. All egress was thus cut off except through the windows. Many leaped from the third story and were horribly mangled or instantly killed, and many more were unable to reach the windows, and were burned to death in their own rooms. Several more bodies are supposed to be in the ruins, and hundreds of excited men are energetically engaged in removing the rubbish and searching for them.

The wounded were promptly taken charge of by their friends or sent to the hospital, where their injuries were immediately attended to. Several of the wounded cannot possibly recover. The loss of property is upward of \$50,000.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION OF GAS.

A CHURCH DESTROYED.

SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

Last evening about 7 o'clock, the Methodist Protestant Church, on Sixth street, near Race, was partly destroyed by the explosion of defective gas-pipes. At the hour mentioned, some fifteen persons were assembled in the basement for meetings, when a strong odor was felt, and an effort made to discover the leakage. A light was applied to the meter, when the blaze burst forth, but was extinguished by a bucket of water. Quiet was almost restored, when the explosion took place, tearing up the floor, shattering the walls, and making a wreck of the basement.

More than half the pews in the church were torn up, windows were blown out, and portions of the floor blown as high as the ceiling. Doors were forced from the hinges and blown into the street. The explosion was heard at a distance of half a mile. The windows of many buildings in the vicinity were destroyed. Eight or ten persons were severely wounded, and two or three of them are not expected to survive.

BURNING OF THE COURT-HOUSE AT BEL AIR, MD.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

The Court-House at Bel Air, Harford County, Md., was nearly destroyed by an accidental fire last night. Many of the records were destroyed. There was no insurance on the property.

Capture of a Notorious Burglar.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

The notorious burglar, Capt. Green, alias James Gallagher, was arrested last night when robbing the warehouse of P. Sauerwein & Son. Over \$300 in coin was found in his possession.

Sentence of a Murderer.

DANVILLE, Pa., Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

William J. Clark has been sentenced to death for the murder of his wife, for the murder of her husband, has been postponed till May next.

Master Murdered-Slave Hung.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

At New-Providence, Tenn., last night, Joseph H. Harris, tobaccoist, was murdered by one of his negroes. Subsequently a mob took the negro and hung him.

Illness of Judge Kane.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

Judge Kane has been dangerously ill of inflammation of the lungs, but is better this morning.

The Southern Mail.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

The Southern Mail has arrived, but brings no news of interest.

The Mails-Travel.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21, 1853.

Notwithstanding the severity of the snow-storm there has been no detention of mails, passengers, or freight between New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburgh—all trains arriving and departing regularly.

The Brig Annie Tyng.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

The Brig Annie Tyng, from Maine, which stranded at St. John's Beach on the 14th inst., has been commenced.

The Africa's News at New-Orleans.

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 21, 1853.

The Africa's news, which left New-York at the opening of the office of the Seaboard Line this morning at 8 o'clock, was received here in advance by the agent of the Associated Press, at 9 o'clock, and will be published exclusively in the papers of the Association to-morrow morning.

The Ohio River.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1853.

The Ohio River is falling slowly.

FOREIGN WEATHER REPORTS—Feb. 20.

(By the Eastern, Northern, Western and Southern Lines, received at N. Y. 21st Wall Street.)

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